

Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost.

Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

Indescribable, Sanctuary, We Fall Down
Tom Garou & Victor Labenske

Sonya Kempf, piano

WELCOME & PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
in the abundance of God's mercy, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
By Christ's authority, I declare to you that all your sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Breathe

Zion Praise Band

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very word, spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
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And I, I'm lost without You.
This is the air I breathe.
This is the air I breathe.

GREETING

Eli Schauer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you reveal your almighty power most of all in showing mercy. In your loving kindness let us run towards what you have promised, and share in your heavenly treasure. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Tim Sersen

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55:1-5**

Liz Schauer

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21** *(read responsively)* Sam Schauer
You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING **Romans 9:1-5** Sam Schauer

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 14:13-21**

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹At that time Herod the ruler heard reports about Jesus; ² and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ³ For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴Because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵ Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company, and she pleased Herod ⁷ so much that he promised on oath to grant her whatever she might ask. ⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." ⁹ The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰ he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great

crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Sersen

SONG OF THE DAY

Hungry (Falling on my Knees)

Zion Praise Band

Hungry, I come to You for I know You satisfy.
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken, I run to You, for Your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life.
So I wait for You. So I wait for You.
I'm falling on my knees offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O Lord. **You are near to all who call upon you.**

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

*Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time!
Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give
online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be
directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your
offerings to the church.*



OFFERTORY SONG

What Have We to Offer?

Zion Praise Band

What have we to offer? What have we to share?
Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.

God will not falter; so let us dare
Lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?
Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;
Dreams of what we're after; promises of when.
Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;
Truth that must be spoken; justice somehow.
Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?
Lives we will live.

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for giving us not only what we need, but much more. Help us joyfully to accept your good gifts, especially life and fellowship with you, and to share your gifts with others. Make us generous and self-giving. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace,
in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Forever

Zion Praise Band

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

Eli Schauer

POSTLUDE

Lord Reign in Me
Tom Garou & Victor Labenske

Sonya Kempf, piano

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Leading worship today:

Pastor Tim Sersen

Sonya Kempf, piano

Stacy Geffre, vocals

Kara Pies, vocals

Stephanie Hawkinson, piano

Schauer children: Eli (greeting and sending), Liz (lector), Sam (lector)

Prayers

As a community of faith in Christ, we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below.

We ask for God's loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:

Kathy Heffernan, at the death of her father, Clayton Ross (Sioux City, IA).

As we are praying for all members of Zion, this week we pray especially for God's comfort, healing, protection, strength, and peace to be with:

Lyle Chapin

LaVonne Peterson (Prairie Heights)

Those with ongoing concerns:

Leonard Berger

Joe Bosmoe

Hilda Hoffman

Gene Reich

Duane Wagemann

Announcements

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TODAY'S RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored by LaVern Albrecht in memory her daughter Paula who passed away seven years ago.

WELCOME BACK TO IN-BUILDING WORSHIP! We are excited to begin welcoming worshipers back into the building starting on **Sunday, August 16**. For the time being, we will have one Sunday morning service at 8:30 and maintain our online worship service as well. We will be limiting attendance at the 8:30 service in order to ensure that we are able to practice physical distancing, as well as other adaptations to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Watch your mail for the August newsletter, which will outline all of the details about this service.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for August is ELCA World Hunger. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty — for good.



Find out more online at bit.ly/elcaworldhunger

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED - Since we have not yet been able to gather for in-person worship due to Covid-19, our radio broadcast ministry is more important than ever. Would you consider donating either the whole cost or half the cost of a Sunday broadcast? A whole Sunday service is \$110.00 and one half is \$55.00. You are welcome to donate in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion to support this ministry. To sign up for a broadcast, contact the church office at 225-6755.

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